

EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Adopted and Filed Emergency After Notice

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2, the Board of Educational Examiners amends Chapter 13, “Issuance of Teacher Licenses and Endorsements,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments incorporate the Department of Education’s new assessment requirements for candidates for Iowa licensure. The change to subrule 13.1(3) removes reference to the Praxis II examination. The changes to subrules 13.3(2) and 13.3(3) and paragraph 13.17(1)“a” add the new assessment requirements to the provisions regarding out-of-state applicants, and the change to rule 282—13.4(272) does the same with regard to foreign applicants.

Notice of Intended Action on these amendments was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 0445C** on November 14, 2012.

A public hearing was held on December 5, 2012, with written comment accepted until 4 p.m. on December 7, 2012. No one attended the public hearing, and no written comments were received.

There were no substantive changes to the language published in **ARC 0445C**, but the word “tests” was changed to “assessment(s)” in paragraphs 13.3(2)“c” and 13.3(3)“f” and in subparagraph 13.17(1)“a”(4).

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.5(2)“b”(2), the Board finds that the normal effective date of these amendments, 35 days after publication, should be waived and the amendments made effective January 1, 2013. This effective date will align with the effective date of the Department of Education’s new assessment requirements for candidates for Iowa licensure, thus conferring a benefit on affected parties by ensuring all candidates are held to the same standard regardless of where they completed their preparation program.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 272.2(1)“a.”

These amendments became effective January 1, 2013.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 13.1(3) as follows:

13.1(3) Temporary permits. The executive director may issue a temporary permit to an applicant for any type of license, certification, or authorization issued by the board, after receipt of a fully completed application, ~~including certification from the applicant of completion of the Praxis II examination, if required;~~ determination that the applicant meets all applicable prerequisites for issuance of the license, certification, or authorization; and satisfactory evaluation of the Iowa criminal history background check. The temporary permit shall serve as evidence of the applicant’s authorization to hold a position in Iowa schools, pending the satisfactory completion of the national criminal history background check ~~and the board’s receipt of verification of completion of the Praxis II examination.~~ The temporary permit shall expire upon issuance of the requested license, certification, or authorization or 90 days from the date of issuance of the permit, whichever occurs first, unless the temporary permit is extended upon a finding of good cause by the executive director.

ITEM 2. Amend subrules 13.3(2) and 13.3(3) as follows:

13.3(2) Requirements for applicants from non-Iowa traditional teacher preparation programs. Provided all requirements for Iowa licensure have been met through a state-approved regionally accredited teacher education program at the graduate or undergraduate level in which college or university credits were given and student teaching was required, the applicant shall:

a. and b. No change.

c. Provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated tests assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education if the teacher preparation program was completed on or after January 1, 2013. If the teacher preparation program was completed prior to January 1, 2013, the applicant must provide verification of successfully passing the mandated assessment(s) in the state in which the applicant is currently licensed if the applicant has fewer than three years of teaching

experience or must provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education.

13.3(3) Requirements for applicants from out-of-state nontraditional teacher preparation programs. An applicant who holds a valid license from another state and whose preparation was completed through a state-approved nontraditional teacher preparation program must:

a. to e. No change.

f. Provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education if the nontraditional teacher preparation program was completed on or after January 1, 2013. If the applicant has fewer than three years of teaching experience, If the nontraditional teacher preparation program was completed prior to January 1, 2013, the applicant must provide verification from the state licensing agency/department in the state where the nontraditional teacher preparation program was completed indicating that the applicant has successfully passed that state's mandated tests assessment(s) or must provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education.

g. and h. No change.

ITEM 3. Amend rule 282—13.4(272) as follows:

282—13.4(272) Applicants from foreign institutions. An applicant for initial licensure whose preparation was completed in a foreign institution must obtain a course-by-course credential evaluation report completed by one of the board-approved credential evaluation services and then file this report with the Iowa board of educational examiners for a determination of eligibility for licensure. After receiving the notification of eligibility by the Iowa board of educational examiners, the applicant must provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education.

ITEM 4. Amend paragraph **13.17(1)“a”** as follows:

a. For an applicant applying under 13.3(2), a one-year nonrenewable exchange license may be issued to the applicant under the following conditions:

(1) to (3) No change.

(4) ~~If the applicant has fewer than three years of teaching experience or is being recommended for a K-6 elementary education endorsement, the applicant must verify successful completion of mandated tests in the state in which the applicant is currently licensed~~ The applicant must provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education if the teacher preparation program was completed on or after January 1, 2013. If the teacher preparation program was completed prior to January 1, 2013, the applicant must provide verification of successfully passing the mandated assessment(s) in the state in which the applicant is currently licensed or must provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education; and

(5) to (7) No change.

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